

certain she will remain an active participant in her community, state, and country. During her 20 years of service, Debby and I have shared constituents and lived within each other's district. She represented me in Tallahassee with honor and dignity and I am honored to represent her here in Washington.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JAMES L.  
CHARLES

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 2002*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of James L. Charles, a dear friend, constituent, community leader, and public servant who passed away on September 1, 2002.

Jim was born in Adams County, Ohio on August 21, 1922. He lived a full life, having proudly served his local community and nation. Early on, he served in the U.S. Marines in World War II. Most recently he was a member of the Ohio Education Association, the National Education Association, the Highland Chapter of Ohio Retired Teachers Association, the Brown County Shrine Club, Georgetown American Legion Post #180, Masonic Lodge #631 of Columbus, Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton, and the Syrian Temple of Cincinnati.

He earned a Bachelor of Education from the University of Dayton in 1953, and a Master of Education from Xavier University in 1967. For much of his life, his passion was helping others learn to read and further their education.

For a number of years, he owned and operated a restaurant in Dayton, Ohio, which established a co-op program so employees could get a college education. In addition, he served as the State Director of The National Right to Read Foundation and also as President of the Ohio Reading Reform Foundation. In the 1980's, he worked with the Ohio General Assembly on the issue of literacy, and he was the author of an Ohio State law, signed in 1989, which encourages the use of phonics to teach reading skills. Jim was a strong believer in the benefits of phonics, and through his personal efforts, he not only made a huge difference in the progress of phonics, but also in the reading skills of thousands of Ohioans.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Charles made a difference in the lives of others. His service to our country and to Southwestern Ohio are to be commended and remembered well. All of us in Southwestern Ohio offer condolences to his wife, Dr. Doris Charles, and are thankful for Jim's many contributions to our community.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MRS.  
WANDA FLOYD OF GOOSE  
CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA

**HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 2002*

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great

American and a close friend, Mrs. Wanda Floyd, of Goose Creek, South Carolina. Wanda was born on February 1, 1926 and died on September 5, 2002. She will be sorely missed by her family and host of friends.

Many politicians, including myself, owe much to the tireless work of this "Republican Woman". Wanda served in various roles throughout the county. She was the President of the Berkeley County Republican Woman's Club for many years and was a mainstay at the polls. In fact, she and her late husband, Bud Floyd, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary working the polls at Goose Creek High School! Today, the county she loved, is much stronger, as is the Republican Party of the Low country. We, were blessed to have known and worked along side of this truly loved South Carolinian.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL  
SIGNIFICANCE AND TIMELINESS  
OF UNITED STATES-IRELAND  
BUSINESS SUMMIT

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2002*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I voice my full support for H. Res. 513. This Resolution is timely and presents an historic opportunity to recognize the long-standing and enduring relationship between Ireland and the United States of America. This Resolution serves as a reminder of the very strong bond that exists between our two peoples.

Our two governments have long recognized and supported a free, fair, market economy and the principles of open markets that are such an inherent part of our free enterprise systems. These same principles served to maintain and strengthen our democratic form of governments.

Ireland's democratic government and market economy were rewarded with external investment from the United States, Europe, and Asia that flowed into her teeming high technology economy.

Since September 11, 2001, when the United States was attacked, it has been forced to assume a new role as it has engaged in a new war on terrorism. This is a war, which, as so many of us have previously stated, is dependent upon the support we receive in the international community.

This resolution also serves to recognize the importance of friends and allies such as Ireland, that share our beliefs in strong market economies and the role such economies play in our current war against terrorism.

As one of America's great presidents, John F. Kennedy, said during a speech in Dublin in 1963, "We need men who can dream of things that never were." These words serve as a call to us to face a new challenge in our time.

Mr. Speaker, in recognizing our relationship with Ireland, I believe that the economic and political success of Ireland and the Irish people combined with a longstanding relationship with the U.S. will serve as a model for peace

and increased economic growth in a peaceful Northern Ireland. Private sector innovation and leadership will help to resolve conflict and increase understanding between all parties in the region.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 2002*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, Monday, September 9th I was unavoidably absent and missed roll call votes No. 375, No. 376 and No. 377. If present I would have voted "yea."

HONORING MR. ERIC MORELAND  
JONES

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 2002*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend bravery and dedication demonstrated by my constituent, Mr. Jones who was a first responder at the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

The memories of the horrific terrorist attacks will remain with us forever. Yet, through the pain and adversity of these tragedies, heroes were also born.

We witnessed the horrific attacks on the World Trade Centers in New York City, we learned of the terrible airline crash in the Pennsylvania countryside, and we witnessed what was once an unfathomed attack on our Nation's center of defense, the Pentagon.

I have known Mr. Jones' family for many years. In the footsteps of his parents, he carries on a legacy of commitment to humanity through public service. On September 11th, Eric was driving by the Pentagon when it was hit by American Airline flight #77. He immediately went to the Pentagon site and quickly began to aid in evacuating injured and dying personnel from the building; he carried and helped people to safety and medical triage. Eric remained at his volunteer post for more than 72 hours.

On July 15, 2002, Mr. Jones was one of two people to receive the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal of Valor for his actions. As we commemorate the anniversary of the 9-11 attacks, we also pay tribute to thousands of first responders and volunteers like Mr. Jones who risked their own lives to ensure that others were saved.

I am deeply moved by Eric's heroism and want to extend my sincere appreciation to him. As we take time to reflect on the events of 9-11 on this anniversary day, we must also resolve and re-commit ourselves to peace and security.